

REMARKS

Claims 157-222 are pending. Claims 157, 158-161 and 216 have been amended. Claims 163-184, 190, 196-215 and 221-222 are cancelled.

Claims 157-222 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vriens in view of the Phosphor Handbook, Vecht and Komoto, all of record. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 157-161 and 216 have been amended to recite “the semiconductor light-emitting element emits light having an emission wavelength only in a range of 390 to 420 nm, the light having visibility lower than light in a visible range more than 420 nm.” None of the prior art references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest this feature.


In response to Applicant’s previously filed response, the Examiner asserts that the Vriens teaches emission in the UV/blue range above 390 nm, and that this reads on the claims because the claims do not necessarily exclude additional emission outside that range. In response, Applicant has amended claims 157-161 and 216 to clarify that the semiconductor light-emitting element emits light having an emission wavelength *only* in a range of 390 to 420 nm. This excludes additional emissions outside that range, and thus Vriens fails to teach or suggest the features of these claims.

Since claims 163-184, 190, 196-215 and 221-222 have been canceled, and the remaining rejected claims depend from allowable base claims, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 20455-2021500.

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